Greetings 4-H’rs,

Did you have fun learning about rockets last summer at 4-H camp? Ever wonder how planes manage to stay in the air or think about designing the perfect next mode of transportation? Machines of McGehee will be exploring things that fly in a year long program focused on Aeronautics and Rocketry. Clubs will meet every other Thursday after school (3:30-4:30) at the county extension office. If you think you know somebody interested, please let them know what we are doing in 4-H.

After holding our Program and Review meeting with 4-H youth, parents, and community leaders, a number of great ideas were brought up, including camping, survival skills, fishing derbies and other fun ideas. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the activities we have planned for 4-H.

Hope Bragg

Woo Pig Sooie.....Did you know that current Razorback’s Head Coach Brett Bielma is a 4-H Alumni?

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The mission of the Family, Youth and 4-H Education program is to help children, youth, and families realize their full potential and to improve the quality of life for Arkansas children, youth and families. The 4-H youth development program provides opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

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September 2015
Broiler Chicken Cook Off at Owlfest

This October 3rd the Desha County 4-H will be hold a Broiler Chicken Cook Off during the Owlfest activities in Downtown McGehee. 4-H youth from Desha and Drew Counties will be working to grill up the best tasting bird on the Delta!

The competition will be open to two groups:
   Junior/Senior 4-H Solo Competition
   Cloverbud/Parent Team Competition

Prizes will be offered to the top 5 prepared chickens (by category) during this event, with the Top 5 Junior/Senior 4-Hers being allowed to compete at the district level.

Youth will be judged on their ability to set up a grill, start and control a fire, preparation of a chicken to grill and their skill at grilling, including timing, food safety, appearance, doneness and TASTE!

Two Broiler halves will be provided to grill, with the best one being turned in for judging. Contestants will be allowed 1/2 hour to prepare fire and 1 1/2 hours of cooking time.

Call the Extension office by September 28th to register to compete and to get more detailed information.

RUBBER CHICKENS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED!

Interested in a great game of football?
4-H has been invited to take part in Arkansas State’s Ag-Day.
Details can be found at:
http://www.astateredwolves.com/agday

Every year we ask you as parents to register on-line so that we have up to date contact information. If you have not done so by now, please take a few moment to register your child and yourself as a volunteer at:
https://arkansas.4honline.com/
County Fair Opportunity

While Desha County no longer hold a county fair, many 4-Hers are left wondering how to show off their skills and talents. After meeting with members of the Drew County Fair Board, they have agreed to allow registered Desha County 4-H members to enter their county fair. This will allow our youth to show at District and State fairs if they qualify at the county level.

The Drew County Fair is Sept 21-26th. If you have a child interested in showing at this fair, please Contact Hope at the County Extension Office.

Be sure to thank Drew County for this opportunity for our 4-H youth!

Opportunities for Digging 4-H Club

Looking to continue learning about archeology and our past cultures? Digging 4-H archeology club has some coming events available. Contact Hope if you are interested in attending any of these activities, or what to plan a future field trip.

- Sept 1. Archeology of Poverty Point talk at UAM in Monticello. 6:30 PM
- Sept 12. Quapaw Interpretive Dance Event at Arkansas Post. 10 AM
- Sept 14. Lab Night—work with artifacts from the Taylor house! UAM in Monticello. 6 PM
- Oct. 1. Archeology of the Mangum site talk at UAM in Monticello. 6:30 PM
- Oct 5. 4-H Archeology Lab Day at the Desha County Extension Office. 1-4:30 PM — We will be looking at artifacts and playing games, learning to use prehistoric tools and having fun.
- Spring Break Quad Day Event. Spend a day at the Taylor House at this popular 4-H event. TBD.

UAM School of Technology Nature Nights Returns

On September 21st from 6-7:30, the UAM School of Technology will hold its first Nature Nights in McGehee. They will be meeting with the local wildlife officers and learning about what it is like to hold this position. If you are interested in this program, contact Amanda Kuttenkuler at kuttenkulerA@uamon.edu or call 870-460-2108
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